

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**GOLF BALL WITH MULTI-LAYER COVER**

which was filed on **June 17, 1999**, having a serial number of **09/335,302**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:  
Not applicable

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:  
Not applicable

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States



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Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/743,579 filed November 4, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/240,259 filed May 10, 1994, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/054,406, filed April 28, 1993, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,368,304.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be

true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature Michael J. Sullivan

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2. Name and Address of Receiving Party(ies): Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Spalding Sports Worldwide, Inc. A Delaware Corporation  
425 Meadow Street, P.O. Box 901  
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3. Nature of Conveyance:

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): 09/335,302 Filing Date: June 17, 1999

TITLE: GOLF BALL WITH MULTI-LAYER COVER

Additional no.(s) attached?: ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: ONE

7. Total Fee (37 C.F.R. 3.41) ..... \$ 40.00

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Filing Date 6/17/99

Our Docket: P-5078

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS we, Michael J. Sullivan of 58 Marlborough Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01020, U.S.A. and Mark L. Binette of 241 Elizabeth Drive, Ludlow, Massachusetts 01056, U.S.A. have invented a new product entitled,

**GOLF BALL WITH MULTI-LAYER COVER**, and,

WHEREAS an application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed on June 17, 1999 and was assigned U.S. Serial No. 09/335,302, and

SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC., a corporation of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 425 Meadow Street, P.O. Box 901, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01021-0901, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder,

NOW THEREFORE, for one dollar (\$1) to us in hand paid by SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC., we have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign, and set over to said SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC., its successors or assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and any Letters Patent of the United States of America and/or any country foreign thereto, that may be granted to us therefore. Further, we hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee to insert in this instrument the identifying serial number and filing date of our said application when received.

**ASSIGNMENT (continued)**

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999.

Michael J. Sullivan  
Michael J. Sullivan

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS )

) SS: Chicopee

COUNTY OF HAMPDEN )

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above named Michael J. Sullivan, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Assignment and who has acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Laura J. Nolan  
Notary Public Signature  
My Commission Expires: 3-18-2005

WITNESS my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999.

Mark L. Binette  
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On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared the above named Mark L. Binette, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Assignment and who has acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

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